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Dear Ms. Hanlon,

It appears that the DOE is trying to finalize the Yucca Mountain nuclear waste depository site while many issues remain unresolved. These include longstanding technical uncertainties about the repository project itself, the fact that a safe transportation scenario has not been identified, and that the required environmental impact statement has not been released. Furthermore, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission has not issued licensing regulations.

We call on you to extend the comment period and postpone hearings in Nevada and the consideration of site recommendation until these critical issues are satisfactorily resolved.

Sincerely,

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